

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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DONVALE



BOWLS CLUB

TEMPLESTOWE HOTEL LUNCH



John Chandler
President
NP & SE

We had 45 members attend our get together prior to Pennant at the Templestowe Hotel for an enjoyable luncheon.

It was pleasing to see so many members enjoying each other's company for a fun day.

The venue Templestowe Hotel presented us with a \$50 food voucher which we will include in our raffle on Twilight Bowls opening night on 4th October.

Thank you to those who supported our function.



Mary, Kim



Gillian, Adrian, Gary, Graeme.



Gary, Anna.



Jeanette, Jill, Ian.



Ross, Frank.

Photos at Templestowe Hotel : Ewan Simpson



Dianne, Sheldon,
Richard, Margaret.



Peter



Jennifer, Coral, Kay.



Ken, Homi.

PENNANT & CHAMPIONSHIP - REPORT

This Year's Pennant Season is fast approaching with the Intra club practice matches already on the way starting on Saturday 23rd September and Pennant commencing on the 21st October. Club uniform is required for our practice and Pennant matches and a \$10 fee applies for both.

This season we will be fielding the following teams.

Saturday – 6 teams [5 teams of 16 / 1 team of 12]

Tuesday – 7 teams of 12

TUESDAY NIGHT PENNANT

Numbers are down for Tuesday night Pennant, and we are hoping enough players have contacted John Gunn by the by the 24th September on Phone 0417 008 343 so we can run night pennant this year.

SELECTORS - TICKS

The Selectors have reviewed the tick system and decided on the following criteria for a tick. This will mean you will get less ticks than last year, but this will be evenly spread across the club. Skips and thirds are asked to be accurate in recording of ticks, not to be generous for any reason.

Short Bowls will not be recorded.

Lucky "wick" - If you put down a bad bowl and get a luck "wick" to get a resting toucher, it was still a bad bowl - no tick.

Important

- Effective communication by the skip to a bowler on the mat is critical.
- If no direction is given by the skip to a bowler on the mat, then it should be assumed by that bowler that a draw shot is required.



Ken Eldridge

President

P & C - Committee

Type of shot - Tick requirement

Draw - within one mat length of jack.

Position shot - within one mat length of target position selected by the skip.

Trailing the jack - moving the jack the required distance.

Weighted shot or drive - hitting the target [not almost hitting it] - this may be a jack, bowl, or a few bowls.

Other shots - As directed by the skips [tick to be given if shot is judged successful].

COACHING AND PENNANT PRACTICE

Pennant Practice - Now available

- Thursday 10am – 12noon: To be conducted by Geoff Smith for those in Saturday sides 3 to 6.
- Thursday 4pm – 6pm: To be conducted by Jeff Grant for those in Saturday sides 1 and 2.
- Thursday 6pm- 7pm: To be conducted by Jeff Grant for those unable to make either of the earlier sessions. Importantly Maurie Vickerman will be available at this session to provide one on one advice for those looking for individual coaching.

NOTES

1. The first practice started on Thursday 14th September.
2. Those in sides 3 – 6 unable to attend any of the morning sessions are welcome to attend the afternoon sessions. Similarly, those sides 1-2 unable to attend in the afternoon can attend the morning session.

Development Squad

Will be conducted by Maurie Vickerman on Mondays from 9.30am to 11am for nominated players and will now be starting on the 25th September.

40 Bowl Test

This test will be reintroduced this year for all pennant players to help understand your strengths and where you may have an area for improvement. In the later-case, individual players are very much encouraged to seek further advice from one of the club's coaches.

The basis of the test is that bowlers play to a jack at varying lengths from the mat on both forehand and backhand. Each bowl is then measured as to the distance from the jack, thus providing comprehensive information to the player to help in their assessment of any development needs.

The first of the 40 bowl sessions will be held Tues, 26th September.

Each test takes about 50 to 60 minutes, so with 2 players on each rink and using 4 rinks concurrently we can accommodate up to 8 players per hour session. The first session will run from 9am to 10am and the last from 5pm to 6pm.

To properly manage the process on the day would those wishing to participate please nominate the preferred time slot on a sign-up sheet at the club.

If anyone has questions, please contact our coaching Coordinator Jeff Grant.

Championship Match Committee [CMC]

This year's Club Championships are well under way with the 100up. Finals of the 100up will be held on Sunday 8th of October at 1pm which will be played after the start of the Men's Minors on the 2nd October.

The Match/dates/rinks/direction of play of all the Men's and Women's Minors matches is available on our Website and Noticeboard [in the alfresco area] as well as the 100up.

BowlsLink on our website is where you can access the draw and the most updated version of the match results.

A fixture with the proposed dates and times of all Championship events is also on the Web and noticeboard so you can plan around those dates.

Good Luck - enjoy your Pennant and the rest of the Championship season.



Anna Brady

Vice-President &
Membership Director

MANNINGHAM COMMUNITY RAFFLE RESULTS

The Manningham Community Raffle for 2023 was drawn on the 7th September and here are the results:

1st prize. Chris Antonicy

3rd prize. Sue Kirchhoff

5th prize. Sam

2nd prize. Des Saunders

4th prize. Nicole TSE

6th prize. Tony Robinson

TRADING TABLE

A variety of second-hand uniform items in excellent condition are available. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Drew for details: Home – 9848 1976

Rito Bettiol has made a range of beautiful hand-made wooden serving boards for sale at our club. Rito has kindly offered to donate \$10 from each sale to support the club. These boards are available in two sizes and if you are interested, please call:

Rito on 0425 745 759



“CHARACTERS”

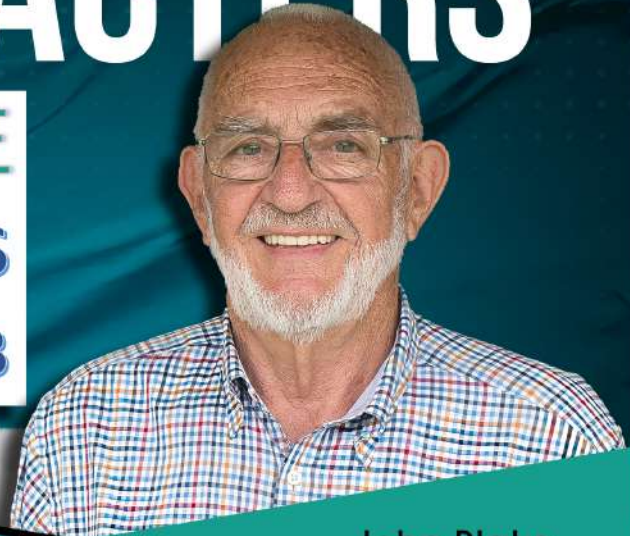
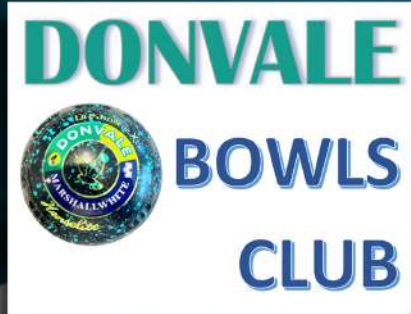


Photo by : Ewan Simpson

John Blake

By Rob “Stormy” Fairweather

Donvale Bowls Club is indeed indebted and beholden to many of our beloved characters which define and distinguish it.

One such character at Donvale is John Blake. A brief insight into John's working life, his eventual involvement at Donvale Bowls Club, and the successful experiences it has provided.

He was born in Melbourne, September 1941, schooled at Moonee Ponds Central, Orbest Primary and Essendon Technical.

At 14 years of age, he started his working career at Myer, 12 months later commencing a 5-year apprenticeship with LW Dunbier Pastry Cook.

At 21 he was employed as a salesperson with Marrickville Holding (Eta Foods Braybrook).

1969 he was transferred to Tasmania, managing the states sales team, his wife Faye and he arrives knowing no one, and a six-week-old baby. Not an easy time.

In 1973 he was transferred back to Melbourne managing the industrial sales team for Victoria.

After 13 years he resigned his position with Marrickville and joined Mauri Bros and Thompson (MBT) as Sales manager.

Mauri was a major supplier of ingredients to the baking trades and the major supplier of fresh yeast to the bread baking industry.

He fulfilled several roles with Mauri, the most exciting being 5 years as Sales Manager Export to the Pacific nations.

“Although I found it quite exotic selling into markets in Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and PNG. Not always so”.

He relates great memories particularly visits to Papua, Bougainville, and New Briton. Following 23 years' service with Mauri, it was time to go!

For the last 10 years of his working life, he was with Sunbeam Foods (The dried food people). Again, working with the food manufacturers in all states.

“We were a team of just two so life was a lot less stressful than in past positions”. He resigned his position and departed Sunbeam on the 30th July 2007.

With his wife Faye they set off on “The Big Circuit” 2nd of August 2007 taking 5 months to complete their first Australian great adventure.

He and Kaye were married in 1965. Living in Essendon. They built their first home in

East Keilor but were only there for a brief time before they transferred to Tasmania.

They returned to Melbourne in 73 with a toddler and Faye expecting their second of their three boys.

They purchased a house under construction in Sherwood Court East Doncaster. We have since sold and had built 5 new homes, always in East Doncaster.

Faye has taken great pride and pleasure designing and decorating each new home, establishing new gardens at each property.

We are now comfortably established in a large apartment with a manageable garden on Anderson Creek Road.

They came to Donvale Bowls Club in 2018, delighted to become a member of our club.

John modestly claims his bowling has not progressed as he had wished, but he enjoys the clubs atmosphere and the many people with whom he is able to play bowls with. Thanks for sharing the memories, John, long may it be so.

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**OUR NEW MEMBERS DAY
SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER**

DONVALE BOWLS CLUB

NEW MEMBERS DAY

Sunday 15th October 2023 11:00am - 5:00pm

Mullum Mullum Reserve

Corner of Springvale and Reynolds Road, Donvale

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- Play all year (socially or pennant)
- Enjoy playing on our two magnificent synthetic and grass greens

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PROGRESS ON FRONT GREEN CONVERSION



Mal Shield
Front Green Conversion
Coordinator

The plan is for the grass green to be replaced after the end of the pennant season. There may be some work on the lighting before then as it should be of a short duration and needs to be done before installing the green.

The way forward working with the council is:

- Council to prepare the specifications for the design of the green. The DBC has the opportunity to approve and sign off on the design. I have stated the companies and what surfaces we could accept. These are all companies that have done extensive work in installing greens. We have already put some requirements from the green such as draining rates, speed of greens, accuracy of surface, maintenance requirements and the expected life of the green. I will share with the club the design specification when we get it from the council. Currently we are waiting on the council to deliver their initial specification document.
- After the design specification is finished and approved by us the council will put it out to tender.

- The council will then put together a construction tender document. We will sign off on this as well.
- The contractors will then be selected, and the installation will be planned. The project will be run by the council, with cooperation from the DBC.

Activity so far:

A few weeks ago, you may have noticed that some soil samples have been taken. The samples from the green are to understand if the soil is contaminated and therefore how to dispose of it. There has also been some sampling done where the light towers may go to understand what size foundations will be required.



**Bernie Henderson – admired member of our club
for more than 30 years**

We are extremely sad to announce the passing of Bernie Henderson as he was a much loved and admired member of our Club for more than 30 years. He served in many committee positions, including Chairman of the Committee of Management and President of the Pennant Committee.

Most members of the Club have enjoyed Bernie's coaching at some stage of their careers. In fact, some members had Bernie as their first coach and a memorable start at Donvale Bowls Club. His Monday morning coaching sessions were highly valued by the attendees, and his constant encouragement and good cheer was enjoyed by all.

We never had to wonder what Bernie thought about any issue at the club, and his contribution was always forthright and positive.

The funeral and a wake at our club Monday 18th September 2023





The young Henderson Family enjoying bowls at our club

NON-PENNANT & SOCIAL EVENTS

With Winter Bowls now completed I would like to again thank our Coordinators Ron Pretto, Ian Heap, Kim DiMarzio, David Blyth, and Peter Hanslow.

It was pleasing to hear our Secretary Michael Meehan comment that he feels the member attendances at this seasons Winter Bowls was by far the best the club has experienced.

Next Sunday is our Annual Opening of the Greens according to our sign-up book we expect good numbers to attend. We have had confirmation that dignitaries will be in attendance. A fun game of bowls will be held please come and join us.

On Wednesday 4th of October our Gala night of the opening of Twilight Bowls will be held, some 60 members have already booked the meal part of the night out however members are invited to come along for a gold coin donation and enjoy the band and singers from our own club together with an open Bar.



John Chandler
President
NP & SE

WELFARE SUPPORT

If anyone needs assistance or support in any way please contact our Welfare Officer

KAY CHANDLER on 0412 732 428 or
kayc44@optusnet.com.au

ASK THE UMPIRE – SEPTEMBER 2023



Barry Wilkins
Coach & Umpire

Stupid Sam had been “promoted” to third in Nasty Norm’s rink. He was feeling very pleased with himself and had bought a new string measure to mark the momentous occasion.

For some mysterious reason Dopey Dora had been selected as third in Helpful Herbert’s rink. Needless to say, Helpful Herbert and Nasty Norm were opposed to each other.

On the first end after the thirds had played their bowls, Helpful Herbert and Nasty Norm thereupon engaged in yet another one of their arguments.

While this was happening Stupid Sam thought he’d help his skip by using his new string measure to check who was holding shot.

Dopey Dora thought that this might not be allowed and called out to Helpful Herbert to let him know what was happening. Helpful Herbert’s immediate reaction was to call out “you can’t do that”. Naturally Nasty Norm was of a contrary view and the umpire was called. The club’s littlest lady umpire heard the call and thought to herself “not again!” as she went to the protagonist’s’ rink.

On hearing what had happened the littlest lady umpire ruled that measuring before the end was completed was not allowed and that Nasty Norm had forfeited the right to play his remaining bowls.

But was she right?

As all avid readers will be aware, the littlest lady umpire is always right. The relevant law is 23.3 which says that no measuring will be allowed before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts. The law goes on to say that the defaulting team or opponent in singles will lose the right to play any bowls remaining to be played, while the non-defaulting team or player will deliver their remaining bowls to complete the end.

Law C. 21 defines “measuring” as the use of equipment placed between the jack and bowls to decide shot.

Law 29.4 relating to failing to play a bowl is also worth remembering.

Law 29.4.1 says that if an end has been agreed or the process of deciding the number of shots scored has started a player who has failed to play a bowl (either deliberately or accidentally) will lose the right to play the bowl. (Skips and thirds must concentrate on the game).

Law 29.4.2 says that if a bowl has been played out of turn before the players discover that one of them has failed to play a bowl in the proper order that player will lose the right to play the bowl. (Again, concentration required.) It’s also a good idea on the crossover to place a bowl belonging to the skip due to play first on the mat.

Law 29.1.4 (a new law) is worth mentioning because it sets out a simple answer to an age-old problem. It says: If a bowl has been played out of turn by each team before the players discover that one of them has played out of turn, play in that end must continue in that order.



Ian Bramstedt
Chairman
Donvale Bowls Club

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Hello Members

I trust this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

It’s great to be back at the Donvale Bowls Club after our three-month caravanning adventure up to far north Queensland. During that time, I had the opportunity to visit and play at numerous bowling clubs throughout NSW and QLD, and I must say, I am incredibly proud of what we have here at Donvale.

Our winter bowls program here at Donvale is as good as I encountered on my travels. While some clubs may boast more extensive facilities, often funded by pokies and food and hospitality services, our club shines when it comes to the variety, frequency, and friendliness of social bowls events. This accomplishment is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our organizers, helpers, and all of you who participate regularly. My heartfelt congratulations to all involved for making our winter bowls program a resounding success.

Now, as we transition into the summer season, I am excited to see our programs kick off once again. I have every confidence that these programs will receive the same enthusiastic support and success as they have in the past.

So, I encourage each of you to embrace the game we love and get involved. Whether it's participating in Pennant (day or night), taking advantage of our comprehensive coaching program led by our exceptional volunteer coaches, enjoying Twilight bowls on Wednesday nights, competing in our friendly and fair triples tournament on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, or entering a club championship event – there are numerous opportunities to enjoy bowls at Donvale this summer. On top of all that bowling, there will be many social events you can be part of and enjoy.

Our eagerly anticipated kick-off gala Twilight event is fast approaching, and it appears that securing a seat might be a challenge. I extend my deepest appreciation to the dedicated organizers and those members who have generously volunteered to provide entertainment that night. It's essential for our club to continue offering diverse experiences and create a welcoming, friendly environment where our members can come together, much like a community hub. We eagerly await the installation of our new synthetic bowling green with lights, right in front of our alfresco area, where we envision introducing barefoot bowls and Friday night happy hour events for the benefit of both our members and the wider community—and maybe with some musical entertainment. So, I urge you all to support and encourage our talented musicians, who will be working hard to entertain you at some events this year.

Regarding improvements within the club, I must share that the installation of acoustic materials to the ceiling of our alfresco area has been delayed. Although it's been ordered, the contractor cannot complete the work until the end of October. We appreciate your patience as we work towards mitigating the noisy reverberations in that area when it gets crowded.

As we advised earlier in the year, the council has agreed to install a substantial solar array and battery system for our clubhouse.

It was expected to be installed by the end of September. Unfortunately, that project has also been delayed until first half of next year. The clubhouse electricity costs (shared by both Hockey and Bowls club) have increased significantly over the last few years, so the solar installation will be a welcome relief to our increasing utility costs.

I kindly request that when making direct transfers to our club's bank account, you include a clear reference indicating the purpose of the payment and your identity. Furthermore, please ensure that any necessary paperwork is forwarded to our diligent Treasurer, Frank Smit (smitf@hotmail.com). This simple act will help us keep accurate records of all transactions, as we've noticed several transfers this year without clear references.

I'd like to express my gratitude to Grant Purdy for his efforts in helping the club secure a \$1,500 sports equipment grant from the Manningham Council's Community Grants Program. Thanks to this grant and our own contribution, we have ordered seven sets of Aero Optima club bowls, which should be placed in the bowls shed by the end of September. As a reminder, club coaching bowls and equipment should not be removed from our facility without prior approval from our Greens Director, Gary Brady.

Finally, I want to extend a big thank you to our club's building crew – David Mattiazzo, Ron Preto, and Ritto Bettiol. They recently went above and beyond by fabricating, welding, and installing stainless steel springs to the base of all our rink pegs and numbers. This significant improvement reduces tripping hazards and represented a considerable cost-saving for the club compared to purchasing new pegs and number signs. Outstanding work, gentlemen!

This season promises an array of opportunities for bowlers at Donvale, and I invite each of you to seize them with enthusiasm.

BUNNINGS BBQ – SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER



On behalf of the Sponsorship “Think Tank”, I would like to thank each of you so much for your very generous time and effort you put into **our first Bunnings BBQ held on Sunday at the Doncaster store**. It proved to be a very successful day, perhaps better than we expected.

Very preliminary figures suggest we ended up with a net income of probably more than \$1,000.00 and this could not have been achieved without your support, and the encouragement and effort on the day. These thanks go also to Jennie, Jill, and Heather.



David Bill
Chairperson
“Think Tank”
Sponsorship



Frank, Brian, Tolik, Ewan, Jill, Heather, David.



Ian



Homi, Brian, Ian, Gerhardt.



Homi, Brian, Peter, Gerhardt.

FULL LIST OF BUNNINGS BBQ DONVALE CHEFS' SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

**David & Liz Bill, John Blake, Gerhardt Blum,
Ian Bramstedt, Homi Burjorjee, Rob Fairweather,
Peter Henderson, Brian & Jennie Roberts, Ewan & Jill
Simpson, Frank Smit, Tolik & Heather Tkatchenko.**

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